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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TRINIDADIAN SUPPORT ON PUERTO RICAN
STATUS

1. DEPT. OFFICERS BRIEFED TRINIDADIAN AMBASSADOR MCINTYRE
JULY 20 ON USG POSITION ON PUERTO RICAN STATUS AND
REQUESTED POSITIVE GOTT SUPPORT IN PREVENTING PUERTO RICO
BECOMING AN INTERNATIONAL ISSUE.

2. RECOGNIZING GOTT CONSTRUCTIVE INTEREST IN PUERTO RICO
AND INFLUENTIAL POSITION IN NAM AND UN COMMITTEE OF 24, WE
SAID U.S. IS LOOKING TO ITS FRIENDS FOR SUPPORT IN
DETECTING CUBAN EFFORT TO CREATE VIOLENT INDEPENDENCE
MOVEMENT CONTRARY TO EXPRESSED WILL OF PEOPLE OF PUERTO
RICO. WE READ FROM PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT IN
PUERTO RICO JUNE 26, RECOUNTED HISTORY OF PUERTO RICO'S
RELATIONSHIP WITH U.S., AND REMINDED AMBASSADOR OF LONG-
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STANDING USG POSITION FAVORING INDEPENDENCE WHENEVER

REQUESTED BY PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO. AMBASSADOR WAS INFORMED THAT USG BELIEVES OUR POSITION CONSISTENT WITH GOTT POLICIES ON SELF-DETERMINATION AND NONINTERVENTION, AND WITH WELL-KNOWN VIEWS OF PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS. WE EMPHASIZED HOPE THAT GOTT WILL HELP KEEP PUERTO RICO QUESTION OUT OF INTERNATIONAL FORA AND GIVE POSITIVE RPT POSITIVE SUPPORT IN COMMITTEE OF 24.

3. MCINTYRE SAID HE APPRECIATED CLARIFICATION OF U.S. POLICY, WHICH HE HAD NOT FULLY UNDERSTOOD, AND PROMISED THAT HE WOULD REPORT U.S. POSITION TO HIS GOVERNMENT. HE REVIEWED PRIME MINISTER'S VIEWS AND SAID HE SAW NO SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE WITH USG POSITION. ROBINSON

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